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CAN'T MISS AT THIS RANGE, BOSS.
OR CAN YOU?
GOG AND MAGOG! A PROJECTION!
THE MACHINE FELL FOR IT, DIRECTOR. IT NEVER SCANNED FOR LIFE SIGNS.
I'LL BE THERE IN THREE SECONDS FOR THE KILL...
...SCAN FOR AN UPLINK WITH MATT AXEL. HE'S GOT TO MONITOR THE MACHINE.

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EVACUATE THE AREA!
THE MACHINE IS MINE!
WONG, DO WE HAVE A LOCK ON AXEL?
HE WENT OFF-LINE BUT WE HAVE AN APPROXIMATE FIX.
SATURATE THE AREA WITH AGENTS. PUT A BOUNTY ON HIM FOR THE PUBLIC EYE TO GET SOME WARM BODIES ON HIS FIX.
I'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE.

OVERLOAD.
DAMAGE. TO. EPI. SURFACE.
MAYBE YOU'RE STILL LISTENING, AXEL.
IT'S ALL OVER. I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE YOU OR YOUR TOY IN MY SHADOW AGAIN.
I ADAPTED THIS HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENT VEHICLE INTO A WALKING GUNSHIP.
PRETTY GOOD FOR A TECHNO-PROBE, HUH?
AND JUST IN CASE THE FALL DOESN'T ACE YOUR DRONE--

--I'M CUTTING HIM UP FOR SPARE PARTS.
ARE YOU LISTENING, AXEL?
EVERY WORD, YOU PSYCHOTIC SON OF A--
HE'S GONE. SOME KIND OF ESCAPE TUBE.
THEN FOLLOW HIM! I'M NOT GOING TO BE THE ONE TO TELL THE DIRECTOR WE LET THIS ONE GO.
BUT IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT.
SHIELD AGENTS! STAND DOWN AND NO AGGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS!
TIME FOR THE BETTER PART OF VALOR.
THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY TO BRING GALLOWS DOWN.

ENDO. TEMPERATURES. CRITICAL.
ARMOR. INTEGRITY. FAILING.
POWER. SPIKE.
ACTIVATED.
SURGE. DELIVERY.
MAXIMUM.
UNNH!
OVERLOAD
POWER SURGE.
CONTROLS OFF-LINE.
ENERGY LEVELS FALLING...

IMPACT IMMINENT.
I KNOW! I KNOW!
PULL
ONE SHOT--
AT THIS--
BETTER WORK--

IS THAT AN ENGINE I'M HEARING BELOW US?
[illegible] JETTING!
A FEW PULSE ROUNDS WILL BRING HIM DOWN...
HEY...
WE'RE NOT ALONE DOWN HERE.
BASE TO CHASE UNIT.
WE GOT A SITUATION HERE, BASE!

TUNK!
WHUNG!
UNNH!
GALLOWS TO ALL UNITS! SUBJECT IS GETTING AWAY!
EDGE CITY
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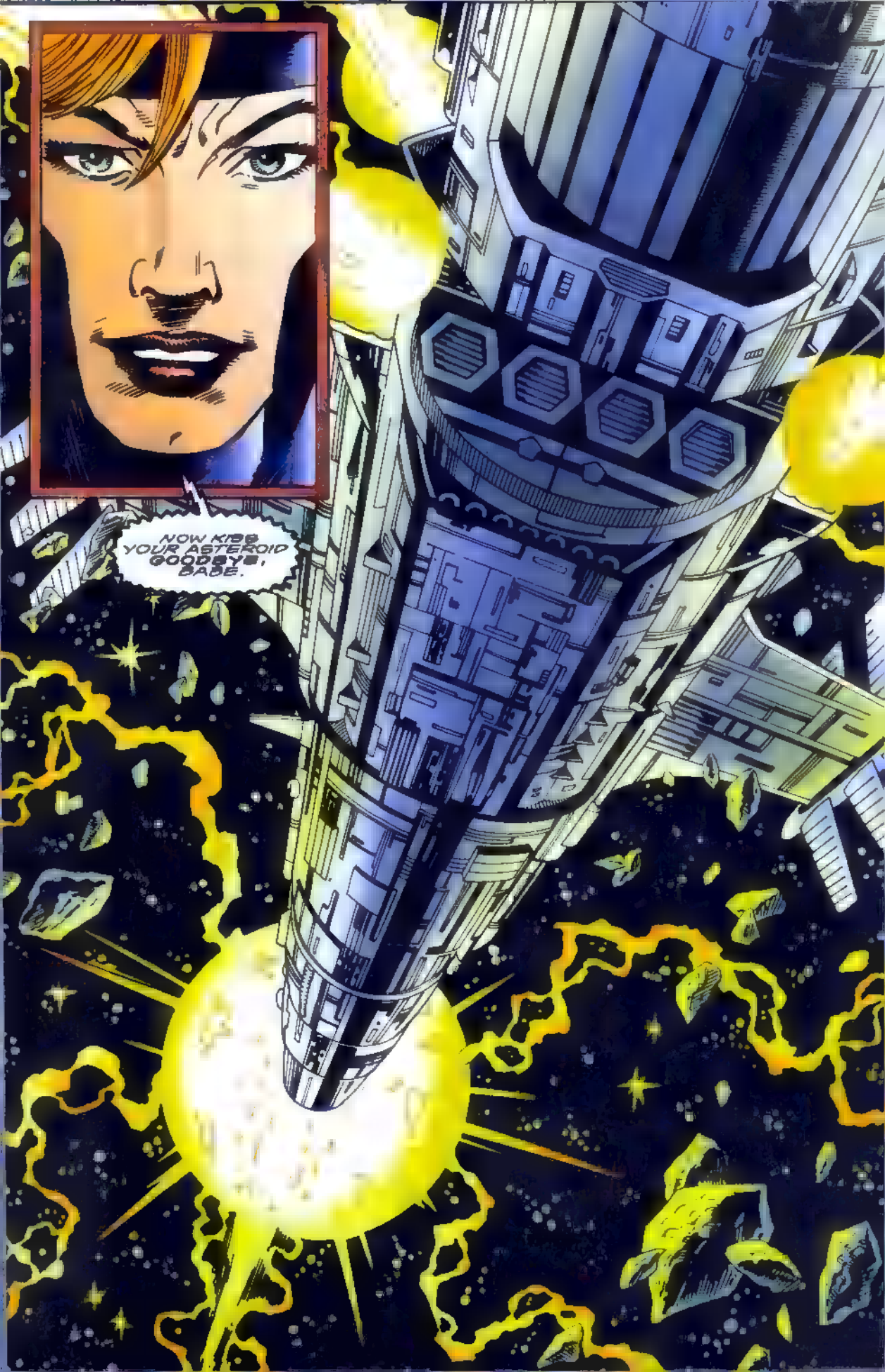
DISLOCATED.
POWER. DOWN.
INTEGRAL SYSTEMS. FAILING.
MUST. RESTORE. POWER.
RESTORE.
POWER.
BETA WAS ATTACKED BY A SEWERGATOR. WE ALSO HAVE CASUALTY AND DAMAGE REPORTS FROM YOUR PRESS CON--
WONG!
BASE TO DIRECTOR. SUBJECT MATT AXEL ELUDED HUNT TEAM BETA.
WONG...
GET ME DOWN FROM HERE.

ARAMCO MINING OPERATION EIGHTEEN TO APPROACHING VESSEL.
IDENTIFY YOURSELF.
YOU ARE WITHIN OUR OUTER PERIMETER MARK AT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND KILOMETERS.
REPEAT. DID YOU SAY ARAMCO MINE ONE-EIGHT?
HEY, THAT'S A WOMAN'S VOICE.
THAT'S US. HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS FACILITY?
I'VE BEEN THERE, BABE.
ONLY FEMS SHOW UP HERE ARE GENE DOLLS.
THAT'S ME, BABE.
DAWSON
COULD WE GET A VID REF?
HEY...
WE WEREN'T EXPECTING ANY GENE DOLLS. BUT THERE'RE TWO HUNDRED GUYS WHO'D BE GLAD TO SEE YOU.
I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR THAT.


NOW KISS YOUR ASTEROID GOODBYE, BABE.

WE OUT OF RAD RANGE, COMPUTER?
NOMINAL RISE IN
HAVING ANY TROUBLE RUNNING THIS BIG
MY SYSTEM IS ADEQUATE TO THE TASK, VENDETTA.
WELL, IT WORKS LIKE A CHARM. WE'RE THROUGH BLINKING WITH IT.
NEXT DESTINATION?
EARTH ORBIT, BABE.

MATT. SCANNING. FOR MATT.
ALL FREQUENCY. SEARCH.
NO DATA.
NO RESPONSE.
ZZLT!
HOW. TO. PROCEED.
MEMORY. SCAN. MATCH. SEARCH.
skaaaak-- AROUND LOOKING LIKE THAT.
skiiik-- YOU NEED A NEW DISGUISE.
PLAYBACK 05·09·99
giiiik-- SOMETHING LESS... THREATENING.
drrrk-- THIS SHOULD--
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POTENTIAL. THREAT.
EVALUATING.
KSHING
GRRRK

THREAT POTENTIAL. ZERO.
IT. IS. PET.
PET. LIFE. SIGNS. ERRATIC.
PET. IS. WOUNDED.
PET. IS. DYING.
grrkk.
skiik -- DISGUISE -- LESS THREATENING -- gik
PLAYBACK 05·09·99
-- LESS -- THREATENING -- gik
-- THREATENING -- gik
DISGUISE. MODE.
ACCESSING.
PET.

--APPROVAL POLLS ARE SLIPPING. THE PUBLIC IS ENRAGED RATHER THAN ENCOURAGED BY GALLOWS' ACTIONS.
AND HIS GRIP ON REALITY IS--TENUOUS AT BEST.
I'M WO■PERING IF GALLOWS' TIME ■ THE CHAIR IS OVER.
ACCORDING TO INSTI-POLLS AND THE POPULI PULSE. THEY'LL NEVER GET A BETTER CHANCE TO ELIMINATE HIM. HIS RATINGS ARE WAY DOWN.
INITIATE GALLOWS' DEMISE. I WILL BE PREPARING HIS NEW POSITION ON GALLOWS AND SHIELD.
GALLOWS MUST BE DISCREDITED AND TAKEN ELIMINATED.
LET M■ KNOW WHEN IT'S OVER, SAFFRON.
I'M... PREOCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT.

ANY PROGRESS IN THE HUNT FOR AXEL?
IT'S AS IF MATT AXEL HAS DROPPED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH.
WE HAVE TO [redacted] HIM. AXEL KNOWS TOO MANY THINGS ABOUT [redacted]. I [redacted]VE TOO MANY CADRES OF ENEMIES.
AND A THREAT TO ME IS A THREAT TO SHIELD.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME DOWNTIME. JUST A DAY OR SO.
I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT, WONG. I CAN'T LET DOWN MY GUARD. I'M NOT FOOL ENOUGH TO THINK I CAN REST EASY AS SHIELD DIRECTOR.
RING ME IN FOUR HOURS.
SCANNING. JACOB GALLOWS. DIRECTOR. ACCESS GRANTED.

THE DIRECTOR'S GONE TO BED UNTIL END OF SHIFT THREE.
HIS QUARTERS ARE SECURED AND SHIELDED.
CAUTION
YOU GOING OFFLINE, WONG?
UNTIL HE NEEDS ME AGAIN.
AGENT WONG?
oh.
YOU STARTLED ME, SAFFRON. GUESS I'M MORE TIRED THAN I THOUGHT--
NNNNG

ACTIVATING HOLO PROGRAM.
GALLOWS, JACOB. CURRENT CONFIGURATION.
SCENARIO?
THE DEATH OF THE DIRECTOR.
THIS IS YOUR ROLE...

SO WE SET THIS DEAL AT THE BASE OF SHIELD'S EARTH STATION AND SEND A META-GAUSS CHARGE THROUGH THE WHOLE SYSTEM.
AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC SURGE WILL FUSE THE THOUGHT DETECTION SYSTEM.
THEN WE CAN TAKE OFF THESE STUPID HELMETS?
HEY, I HEARD A NOISE. SOMEONE'S DOWN HERE.
ACME
BIG BOY MK IV
PAULIE... YOU DINNIT TELL US THERE WERE LIFE READINGS DOWN HERE.
THAT'S 'CAUSE I DINNIT GET ANY LIFE READINGS.

THAT'S 'CAUSE IT AIN'T ALIVE.
IDENTIFY.
JUSTIFY.
OR DIE.
TO BE CONTINUED. JOIN US FOR THE FALL OF DOOM AND THE FALL OF JAKE GALLOWS... NEXT ISSUE!